

## Agency Overview

In order to effectively manage the endowment lands and funds, Article IX of the Idaho Constitution established the State Board of Land Commissioners, consisting of Idaho's Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The State Auditor (now called State Controller) was added in 1910. The Land Commissioners, acting in the capacity of trustees on behalf of the beneficiary schools and other institutions, were given the responsibility under Article IX, Section 8 of the Constitution (as amended) to manage endowment lands "**...in such manner as will secure the maximum long term financial return to the institution to which granted...**" In addition to this charge, the Constitution also established a permanent endowment fund, the principal of which "**...shall forever remain inviolate and intact...**," and the interest from which must be used for the maintenance of the public beneficiaries of the State.

**Beneficiaries:** Public Schools, the Agricultural College Fund (University of Idaho), Charitable Institutions Fund (Idaho State University, Industrial Training School, State Hospital North, Idaho Veterans Homes and the School for the Deaf and Blind), Normal School Fund (Idaho State University Department of Education and Lewis-Clark State College), the Penitentiary Fund, the School of Science Fund (University of Idaho), State Hospital South Fund, the University Fund (University of Idaho) and the Capitol Commission.

More than 225 dedicated natural resource specialists and support staff, functioning in 14 Supervisory Areas throughout the State, now work to implement the management directives as handed down by the Idaho Constitution and the State Board of Land Commissioners. Of the 3.65 million acres originally received, endowment lands currently total nearly 2.5 million acres, including 780,000 acres of commercial timberland and about three million acres of minerals. In addition, the Department of Lands, having been assigned additional duties over the years by the State Legislature, now serves as the host agency to the Idaho Board of Scaling Practices, the Clearwater-Potlatch Timber Protective Association and the Southern Idaho Timber Protective Association.

In addition to the primary mission of managing endowment trust lands, the Department has been charged by the Idaho Legislature with administering several programs designed to protect the natural resources so vital to the well-being of Idaho citizens. These include:

- **The Idaho Forest Practices Act** which regulates forest management activities on state, private and federal land to ensure continued productivity and protection of soil, air and water quality.
- **The Lake Protection Act** which regulates encroachments over and upon the beds of navigable waters.
- **The Mined Land Reclamation Act** which regulates the reclamation of lands impacted by mining activities.
- **The Placer Mining Act** which regulates mining activities below the high water mark of navigable waters.
- **The Hazard Reduction law** which ensures the mitigation of fire hazard associated with timber harvest.
- **The Idaho Forestry law** which provides for the effective and efficient suppression of wild fires.

The Department also delivers landowner and community assistance programs designed to advance sound resource management. These include, among others, the Forest Stewardship Program, the Community and Urban Forestry Program, the Forest Health Initiative and the National Fire Plan.

## Core Functions/Idaho Code

The Idaho Department of Lands operates under authority of Idaho Statutes and Idaho Administrative Rules.

- **TITLE 38 FORESTRY, FOREST PRODUCTS AND STUMPAGE DISTRICTS**
- **TITLE 47 MINES AND MINING**
- **TITLE 58 PUBLIC LANDS**

**Support Services** – The critical functions that support the overall activities of the Department are housed in the Department headquarters in Boise. These include Fiscal, Human Resources, Management Information Systems and Legal.

The Fiscal Section is responsible for the accounting functions of the agency. A team of accounting specialists provides oversight and policy direction for purchasing, accounts receivable, accounts payable and payroll.

Human Resource functions are provided by a team of specialists in the Division of Human Resources (DHR) under a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department and DHR.

The Management Information Bureau - Personnel in this Bureau support the Department computer network, software and hardware and maintain land ownership records and databases to assist in planning and implementing management strategies of lands and resources within departmental control.

Legal services are provided by the Office of the Attorney General. Two Deputy Attorneys General are housed with the Department and have primary responsibility for providing legal advice, initiating legal action to support Department actions and defending Department actions in court, as necessary.

**Forest Resources** – The Forest Management Bureau provides statewide policy direction, technical guidance and oversight in the utilization, improvement and protection of the renewable forest resources on endowment trust lands. In addition, the Forest Management Bureau supervises the measurement of forest products harvested as part of the Department's annual timber sale program, as well as the accounting for the receipt of associated payments.

The Forestry Assistance Bureau, staffed by specialists in the fields of forest management, urban forestry, entomology, pathology, fisheries biology, hydrology and geotechnical engineering, provides technical assistance to the Department, other government agencies and private forestland owners. It administers the delivery of programs designed to assist landowners in the responsible management of forest resources. The Bureau also oversees policy administration of the Idaho Forest Practices Act which regulates forest practice operations in Idaho.

**Lands, Range Minerals** – The Lands, Minerals & Range Division consists of the Real Estate and Surface and Mineral Resources Bureaus.

The Real Estate Bureau is responsible for coordinating the acquisition and disposal of trust lands through sales and exchanges. It maintains title records to all endowment lands and acquires rights-of-way to access these lands.

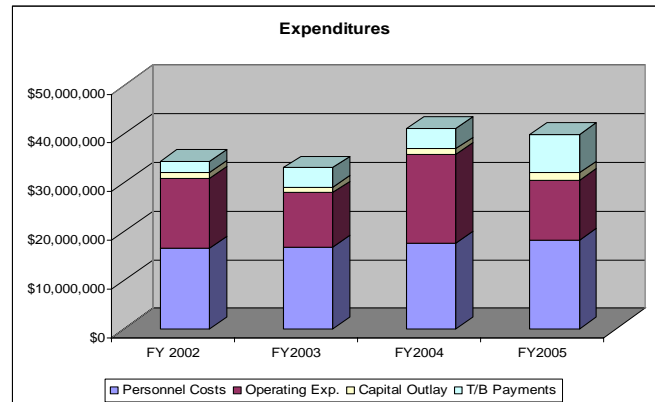
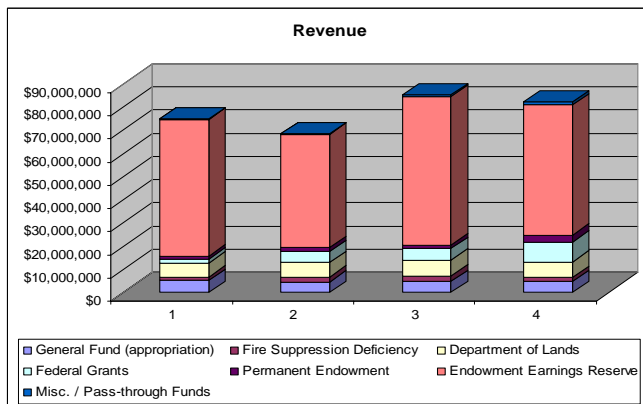
The Surface and Mineral Resources Bureau provides statewide policy direction, technical guidance and oversight for the development and extraction of minerals and industrial materials, such as sand, gravel and rock, and the management of agricultural, grazing, recreational and other surface leasing activities on endowment trust lands and mineral estate. It also directs the leasing of commercial properties owned by the trusts and those located over the beds of navigable lakes and rivers.

**Forest and Range Protection (Fire)** - The Fire Management Bureau provides policy direction and oversight for the prevention, preparedness and suppression of wildland fires on over six million acres of public and private forest and rangelands across Idaho.

**Scaling Practices** - The primary purpose of the Board is to enforce log scaling (measurement) standards prescribed by statute and regulations. The Board tests and licenses scaling practitioners and subjects them to routine, unannounced checks to assure proficiency.

## Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
General Fund (appropriation)	\$5,187,800	\$4,600,100	\$4,773,000	\$4,835,600
Fire Suppression Deficiency	\$1,494,400	\$2,186,200	\$2,390,300	\$1,679,200
Department of Lands	\$6,137,400	\$6,086,500	\$6,907,100	\$6,687,100
Federal Grants	\$1,603,400	\$4,801,900	\$4,993,500	\$8,516,000
Permanent Endowment	\$1,424,600	\$1,803,900	\$1,382,700	\$2,964,000
Endowment Earnings				
Reserve	\$58,790,300	\$48,813,200	\$64,181,300	\$56,330,300
Misc. / Pass-through Funds	\$188,600	\$255,900	\$631,900	\$1,111,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$74,826,500</b>	<b>\$68,547,700</b>	<b>\$85,259,800</b>	<b>\$82,123,400</b>
Expenditure	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Personnel Costs	\$16,588,200	\$16,764,000	\$17,699,300	\$18,253,300
Operating Expenditures	\$14,316,900	\$11,194,200	\$18,135,200	\$12,282,500
Capital Outlay	\$1,284,000	\$1,179,100	\$1,162,700	\$1,538,900
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$2,274,500	\$3,926,000	\$4,117,700	\$7,824,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$34,463,600</b>	<b>\$33,063,300</b>	<b>\$41,114,900</b>	<b>\$39,899,000</b>



**Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided**

<b>Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided</b>	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>
Submit the annual timber sales plan by June 30 of each year	100%	100%	100%	100%
Complete public involvement process, compile identified issues for Land Board approval each April	100%	100%	100%	100%
Review 10% of proposed timber sales for compliance with rules and regs	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed
Publish quarterly community forestry newsletter	4 issues	4 issues	4 issues	4 issues
Encourage 6 new cities to become Tree City USA's	7	11	9	-1
Provide regional grants trainings	40 workshops	28 workshops	30 workshops	27 workshops
Provide professional management plan assistance to forest landowners	110 owners	66 owners	91 owners	43 owners
Provide Cooperative Extension training sessions throughout Idaho	26 workshops	25 workshops	29 workshops	26 workshops
Target 60% of forest practices for inspections for compliance with FPA	50% inspected	57% inspected	50% inspected	61% inspected
Conduct training sessions for recognizing forest insect and disease problems	800 attended	1351 attended	1198 attended	1103 attended
Administer land bank program	4 sales/\$18,046	0 sales/\$0	2 sales/\$0	2 sales \$110,500
Acquire rights of way	27	20	12	10
Conduct appraisals	8	30	11	18
Establish occupancy of commercial buildings at 85% minimum	No properties	78%	80%	85%
Keep acres burned below 5400 acres	98,292 acres	4,615 acres	1,700 acres	11,194 acres
Manage fire hazard by completing audits of slash plans	3,853 plans	3,777 plans	3,750 plans	3,900 plans
Conduct scaling workshops	2 workshops	2 workshops	3 workshops	2 workshops
Perform 120 check scales annually	133	119	137	138

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